IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

July 20, 1842. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fulton submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States of the 2d instant, together with certain resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, of date February 24, 1842, submit the following report:

The committee concur in the suggestions of said message and of the resolutions of the Legislature referred to, that the magnitude of the Maison Rouge claim for land in said State is such as to make it of public importance to the State; that the title to said tract of land should be fixed and established. They consider, too, that this object would be well and properly ascertained by instituting in behalf of the United States a possessory or other action, as might best adjudicate the title, against D. W. Coxe, who is reported by the resolutions of said Legislature to be a principal claimant of the said Maison Rouge grant, and is said to be in actual possession of part thereof. But the committee do not perceive any special legislation necessary to authorize the Government to institute any proper action which may be necessary to vindicate such title or possession as the Government claims in said tract of land, or to obtain any redress for damages incurred to the Government by any trespass committed on said land by persons asserting an adverse right.

And while the committee concur in the propriety of instituting such action against Coxe, or others claiming as adverse proprietors of the said Maison Rouge claim, they perceive no necessity for further legislation, and hence

pray to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

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